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ABSTRACT

This report describes the literacy activities of Missouri Public Libraries in 1996. The report includes: a letter from the Missouri Secretary of State; national and state literacy statistics and trends; a description of the library survey and its results; state library efforts; lists of Missouri and national literacy organizations with contact information; and a listing of Missouri Public Libraries that participated in the survey and offer literacy services. The survey was designed to gather a fast response to basic questions such as the size of the population served by each library, the extent to which libraries are working with other literacy providers, and the kinds of literacy materials and services Missouri public libraries are regularly providing. Some libraries have special programming and/or do intensive training in literacy services, some libraries house collections for adult literacy students and/or tutors, some act as referral points for community services, and some provided space for tutoring. All contributions are valuable and provide necessary support for upgrading the literacy level of Missouri's citizens. A numerical breakdown of responses to the five questions is followed by a brief narrative of the literacy materials and services provided at each library. (SWC)

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Dear Librarians and Educators:

It pleases us greatly to introduce the updated version of this publication. Since the initial publication, more Missouri libraries have become involved in providing literacy services to their communities, and more are becoming integral partners with community and statewide literacy efforts. We are happy to see such progress.

Over the coming years, what we have considered "traditional" funding for library literacy programming may change considerably. The Library Services and Technology Act will place a greater emphasis on technology—a new form of literacy involving the need for information skills beyond the basic ability to read and write. Changes brought about by the new welfare reform law may increase the need for literacy services and programs that libraries can provide. The commitment of the Secretary of State and the State Librarian are strong. New programs will provide opportunities for libraries to become more involved in providing literacy programs or assisting local program councils.

We encourage each library to become and/or remain active partners with literacy councils and other organizations affiliated in your communities. It is through collaborative efforts that efficient and effective services are provided to all of Missouri's citizens.

Bekki Cook
Secretary of State

Literacy Facts

National statistics and trends

- 21-23%—or some 40 to 44 million of the 191 million adults in this country—demonstrated skills in the lowest level (Level 1) of prose, document, and quantitative proficiencies. (National Adult Literacy Survey, National Center for Education Statistics, September 1993)
- 13% of all 17-year-olds are functionally illiterate; among minorities, the rate is 44%. (National Commission on Excellence in Education)
- The high school drop-out rate in the U.S. is 27%. In Japan, the rate is 5%. (U.S. Department of Education)
- Almost half of AFDC mothers do not have a high school diploma. (U.S. Census Bureau, 1995)
- Young children with under-educated parents are much more likely to be poor. In 1987, the poverty rate was 62% for children under age 6 living in families where the only parent or the better-educated parent had not completed high school. The rate was 19% for young children with at least one parent with a high school diploma.
- Even full-time employment does not protect against poverty. More than one-quarter of all poor children under 6 in 1990 lived with single parents who worked full time or with married parents who together worked the equivalent of one full-time job or more.
- Children's literacy levels are strongly linked to the educational levels of their parents—especially their mothers. A mother's education has more effect than other variables, including socio-economic level. (*The Literacy Beat*. Newsletter of the Education Writers Association. June 1988. Vol.2. No.4.)
- Children who live in homes with adults who are unemployed and have themselves not completed high school are five to six times more likely to be dropouts.
- Parental influence can override the limiting effects of low socio-economic status. Family relations are a better predictor of a child's attitudes toward school than socio-economic status. (*Parent Involvement: A Review of the Research and Principles of Successful Practice. Beecher. 1988*)
- The single most important factor in parental influence and academic success is the expectation held by parents for the educational attainment of their children. (*Parent Involvement: A Review of the Research and Principles of Successful Practice. Beecher. 1988*)

In Missouri —

- Of the 72,272 students entering high school in 1995, only 49,867 will graduate in 1999; 22,405 will drop out of high school in 1996, 1997, 1998, or 1999. This is a 31% non-graduation rate. (Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education)

For fiscal 1994—

- 49 ABE programs — more than 600 class sites
- 54,212 students enrolled with 34,608 attending more than 12 hours of instruction
- 16,530 individuals applied to take GED test
- 12,628 took GED and 7,615 passed, a 60% success rate

- ABE programs recover approximately 14% of those students, age 16-21, who have dropped out of school.
- 35 GED certificates are awarded each day
- Nearly 3,000 volunteers provide more than 80,000 volunteer hours of service to ABE students.
- 58,000 ABE students spend more than 3,000,000 hours in class each year.

The kinds of skill employers are looking for:

1. Ability to recognize and solve problems
2. Ability to communicate effectively
3. Good analytical skills
4. Ability to make decisions

**Associated Industries survey of 1,400 businesses and industries*

Survey Description

In June 1996, the State Library sent a survey to all public libraries in Missouri. This survey was designed to gather a fast response to some basic questions regarding the size of the population served by each library, the extent to which libraries are working with other literacy providers, and the kinds of literacy materials and services Missouri public libraries are regularly providing.

The responses showed great variances among libraries in the level of commitment to literacy services. Some libraries have special programming and/or do intensive training in literacy services, some libraries house collections for adult literacy students and/or tutors, some act as referral points for community services, and some provide space for tutoring. All contributions are valuable and provide necessary support for upgrading the literacy level of Missouri's citizens.

Master storyteller Gladys Cogswell entertains youngsters during a family literacy program at the Shelbina Carnegie Public Library, sponsored by the State Library. (Kellie Quinn Photo)

The next page shows the numerical breakdown of responses to the five questions listed on the survey. Following that is a brief narrative of the materials and services outlined by each library responding. The list is alphabetical.

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Report on the Literacy Involvement of Missouri Public Libraries by Questionnaire Responses

Questionnaires sent 166*

Replies received 87

Summary of responses:

Our library serves a population of:

- under 20,000 54
- under 50,000 19
- under 100,000 5
- over 100,000 9

We work with the following groups to provide literacy services to our community:

- Head Start 40
- Parents As Teachers 38
- Adult Basic Education 36
- Local literacy council 32
- Volunteer literacy groups 31
- FUTURES 16
- Other 12
- Workplace programs 9
- Jobs Training Partnership 8
- Caring Communities 6
- Employment Security 4
- Even Start 4
- Practical Parenting Partnerships .. 0

We offer the following materials and/or services to promote literacy in our community:

Materials for students

- tapes (audio/video) 61
- low-level popular reading 58
- supplementary class materials ... 37
- computers/software 30

Materials for tutors

- tapes (audio/video) 31
- Laubach materials 20
- supplemental curriculum items ... 19
- computers/software 17
- LVA materials 9
- ABE-supplied items 8

Space for tutoring 63

Referrals to local programs 44

New reader collection

- over 250 items 13
- under 250 items 11
- under 100 items 15
- under 50 items 14

Full library-based program 3

Other 8

**Survey response deadline was July 8, 1996*

Survey Responses from Missouri Public Libraries

Adair County Public Library, Kirksville
Works with Adult Basic Education (ABE), Head Start and FUTURES. Offers low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software for students, space for tutoring, referrals to local programs and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection. Offers audio/video tapes and computers/ software for tutors.

Albany Carnegie Public Library
Offers no literacy services at this time.

Barry-Lawrence Regional Library, Monett
Works with local ABE classes, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, local literacy council, workplace programs, volunteer literacy groups, and Employment Security. Offers low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, space for tutoring, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection. Offers audio/video tapes and computers/software for tutors.

Bernie Public Library
Works with ABE and summer reading program. Offers low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection. Offers audio/video tapes for tutors.

Bethany Public Library
Provides space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, and audio/video tapes for students.

Bonne Terre Memorial Library
Works with ABE, Jobs Training Partnership, workplace programs, local literacy groups, and Employment Security. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection. Offers ABE-supplied and supplemental curriculum items, audio/video tapes, and computers/ software for tutors.

Boonslick Regional Library, Sedalia
Works with local literacy council and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, referrals to local programs, and audio/video tapes for students.

Camden County Library District, Camdenton
Provides space for tutoring, referrals to local programs, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection.

Cameron Public Library
Works with volunteer literacy groups. Offers audio/video tapes and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection.

Canton Public Library
Works with Head Start. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, referrals to local programs, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection. Offers supplemental curriculum items and audio/ video tapes for tutors.

Cape Girardeau Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, and Caring Communities. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, referrals to local programs, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection. *Pilot site for State Library Tutor Enrichment Training project.*

Carrollton Public Library
Works with Head Start, local literacy council, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials,

referrals to local programs, and computers/ software for students. Offers audio/video tapes and computers/software for tutors.

Carter County Library District, Van Buren
Works with Head Start, volunteer literacy groups, FUTURES, and local pre-schools. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, referrals to local programs, low-level popular reading, and audio/video tapes for students. Offers audio/video tapes for tutors.

Carthage Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, local literacy council, and Employment Security. Offers space for tutoring, referrals to local programs, low-level popular reading, audio/ video tapes, and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Christian County Library, Ozark
Works with Ozark Area Community Action Council (OACAC) and local literacy council. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, referrals to local programs, audio/ video tapes, computers/software, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials, LVA materials, audio/video tapes, and computers/ software for tutors.

Clarence Public Library
Works with local literacy council. Offers low-level popular reading for students.

Crystal City Public Library
Offers space for tutoring.

Dallas County Library, Buffalo
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Jobs Training Partnership, and workplace programs. Offers low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and a full library-based program for students. Offers supplemental curriculum items and audio/ video tapes for tutors.

Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia
Works with ABE and volunteer literacy groups. Offers supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. *Pilot site for State Library Tutor Enrichment Training project.*

Daviess County Library, Gallatin
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, and 50-100-items in a New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials and computers/software for tutors. *Pilot site for State Library family literacy project in 1995.*

De Soto Public Library
Works with ABE and Parents As Teachers. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, referrals to local programs, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection.

Dexter Public Library
Works with volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring. Offers Laubach materials and audio/video tapes for tutors.

Doniphan/Ripley County Library
Works with Parents As Teachers, Green Thumb, local literacy council, workplace programs, volunteer literacy groups, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and 25-50-items in a New Reader Collection. Offers supplemental curriculum items and audio/video tapes for tutors.

Douglas County Public Library, Ava
Offers space for tutoring and a New Reader Collection.

Dulany Memorial Library, Salisbury
Works with Head Start, workplace programs, volunteer literacy groups, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring.

Dunklin County Library, Kennett
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Caring Communities, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes and computers/software for students. Offers Laubach materials and audio/video tapes for tutors. *Pilot site for State Library family literacy project in 1995.*

Farmington Public Library
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Ferguson Municipal Public Library
Works with ABE, Parents As Teachers, local literacy council, volunteer literacy groups, and the "Y"-Read (YMCA) St. Louis University-Division of Continuing Education. Offers space for tutoring, referrals to local programs, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. Offers audio/video tapes for tutors. The director serves as literacy chair for the Rotary Club of Ferguson, which makes an annual donation to the library for "special" literacy projects, materials, programs, etc.

Festus Public Library
Works with ABE and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring.

Gentry County Library, Stanberry
Works with Head Start and Parents As Teachers. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, and audio/video tapes.

Grundy County-Jewett Norris Library, Trenton
Works with Head Start and Parents As Teachers. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials for tutors.

Hannibal Free Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, a 100-250-item New Reader Collection, and referrals to local programs. Offers supplemental curriculum items and audio/video tapes for tutors. *Pilot site for State Library Tutor Enrichment Training project.*

Harold Bell Wright Public Library, Pierce City
Works with Head Start, local literacy council, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, referrals to local programs, and audio/video tapes for students. Offers supplemental curriculum items and audio/video tapes for tutors.

Heartland Regional Library System, Vienna
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, local literacy council, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, referrals to local programs, and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Holden Public Library
Works with Project Reach. Offers audio/video tapes.

Jackson Public Library
Program in place since 1992. Plenty of tutors available; recruiting students a problem. Currently, the program has no students. Provides space for tutoring, a collection of materials, and referrals to Cape Vo-Tech for testing to enable placement of students with tutors.

James Memorial Library, St. James
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers and Caring Communities. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, computers/software, referrals to local programs and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Jessie E. McCully Memorial Library, Dixon
Offers no literacy services at this time.

Joplin Public Library
Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection.

Kansas City Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, Even Start, Parents As Teachers, Caring Communities, volunteer literacy groups, and local literacy councils. Provides space for tutoring, GED classes, referrals to local programs, materials including supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. For tutors, Laubach materials, supplemental curriculum items, audio/video tapes, and computers/software are available.

Kimberling Area Library
Works with local literacy council and volunteer literacy groups. Offers supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, space for tutoring, referrals to local programs and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Kinderhook Regional Library, Lebanon
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Jobs Training Partnership, local literacy council, volunteer literacy groups, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection. Offers supplemental curriculum items for tutors.

Lewis Library of Glasgow
Works with Parents As Teachers and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, space for tutoring, and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Lilbourn Memorial Library
Offers no literacy services at this time.

Little Dixie Regional Library, Moberly
Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection.

Livingston County Library, Chillicothe
Offers audio/video tapes and computer/software for students and tutors.

Macon Public Library
Works with local literacy council. Offers space for tutoring.

Marshall Public Library
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers and local literacy council. Offers space for tutoring and audio/video tapes.

Maryville Public Library
Works with ABE and local literacy council. Houses a 100-250-item New Reader collection. Offers audio/video tapes for tutors.

McDonald County Public Library, Pineville
Works with Even Start. Offers low-level popular reading and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Mercer County Library, Princeton
Works with Head Start and Parents As Teachers. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection.

Mexico-Audrain County Library
Works with ABE, local literacy council, volunteer literacy groups, and immigrants. Provides space for tutoring, referrals to local programs, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection. Laubach materials, ABE-supplied items, supplemental curriculum items, audio/video tapes, and computers/software are available for tutors.

Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence
Works with ABE, Head Start, Even Start, Parents As Teachers, local literacy council, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, referrals to local programs, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials, LVA materials, ABE-supplied items, supplemental curriculum items, and audio/video tapes for tutors. Also sponsors family literacy seminars and new reader book clubs for students.

Missouri River Regional Library, Jefferson City
Works with ABE, Jobs Training Partnership, volunteer literacy groups, Advent, and Green Thumb. Offers space for tutoring, referrals to local programs, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software for students, and supplemental curriculum items and computers/software for tutors. Provides some materials to outlying areas through the bookmobile service.

Montgomery City Public Library
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Jobs Training Partnership, and JTPA summer workers. Offers supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, and computers/software for students.

Morgan County Library, Versailles
Works with Head Start and Parents As Teachers. Offers low-level popular reading and audio/ video tapes for students.

Today, literacy involves more than just learning to read. In this digital age, computer skills are essential in both school and the workplace. (Kansas City Public Library photo)

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Nevada Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, local literacy council, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, space for tutoring, referrals to local programs and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection.

Northeast Missouri Library Service, Kahoka
Offers low-level popular reading and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Oregon County Library District, Alton
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, referrals to local programs, and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach and LVA materials and ABE-supplied items for tutors.

Ozark Regional Library, Ironton
Works with Head Start and Parents As Teachers. Offers low-level popular reading and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection. *Site for State Library family literacy project in 1996.*

Pack Memorial Library, Mountain View
Works with ABE and local literacy council. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, and audio/video tapes for students. Offers Laubach materials and audio/video tapes for tutors.

Piedmont Public Library
Works with ABE, workplace programs, and FUTURES. Offers supplementary class materials, audio tapes, computers/software, and referrals to local programs.

Polk County Library, Bolivar
Works with ABE. Offers supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/ video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials, LVA materials, supplemental curriculum items, and audio/ video tapes for tutors.

Poplar Bluff Public Library
Works with ABE. Offers space for tutoring and referrals to local programs.

Powell Memorial Library, Troy
Works with ABE, Parents As Teachers, Jobs Training Partnership, and local literacy councils. Provides space for tutoring, referrals to local programs, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and computers/software for students. ABE-supplied items, audio/video tapes, and computers/software are available for tutors.

Putnam County Public Library, Unionville
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Jobs Training Partnership, and workplace programs. Offers audio/video tapes, computers/software, and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

Ray County Library, Richmond
Works with ABE, Head Start, local literacy council, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials and audio/video tapes for tutors.

Reynolds County Library, Centerville
Offers no literacy programs at this time. Interested in literacy program development.

Richmond Heights Memorial Library
Works with ABE, Parents As Teachers, local literacy council, and volunteer literacy groups. Provides space for tutoring, referrals to local programs, supplementary class materials, and audio/video tapes for students. Laubach materials and audio/video tapes are available for tutors.

River Bluffs Regional Library, St. Joseph
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Caring Communities, local litera-

cy council, volunteer literacy groups, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, referrals to local programs, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. Offers ABE-supplied items for tutors. *Pilot site for State Library Tutor Enrichment Training project.*

Rolla Public Library
Works with ABE and local literacy council. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection.

St. Charles City-County Library District
Provides referrals to the local program housed at the community college, and offers low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection.

St. Clair County Library, Osceola
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and a 25-50-item New Reader Collection.

St. Louis County Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, local literacy council, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials, supplemental curriculum items, audio/video tapes, computers/software for tutors, and after-school tutoring at some branches.

St. Louis Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, Even Start, Parents As Teachers, local literacy councils, workplace programs, volunteer literacy groups, Employment Security, LIFT-Missouri, YMCA, OASIS, local educational institutions and schools, Independent Skills Center, BJC Health Systems, the Urban League, and others. Provides space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/ video tapes, computers/software referrals to local programs, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach and LVA materials, ABE-supplied and supplemental curriculum items, audio/ video tapes, and computers/software for tutors. Also operates literacy hotline.

Salem Public Library
Works with ABE and Parents As Teachers. Offers space for tutoring and audio/video tapes for students. *Site for State Library family literacy project in 1996.*

Scenic Regional Library, Union
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, local literacy council, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring. *Site for State Library family literacy project in 1996.*

Scotland County Memorial Library, Memphis
Works with Head Start, Parents As Teachers, University Extension, and Jobs Training Partnership. Offers space for tutoring and audio/ video tapes for students. Offers audio/video tapes for tutors.

Sedalia Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, local literacy council, volunteer literacy groups, and tutors. Provides space for tutoring, referrals to local programs, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/ video tapes, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection. Laubach and LVA materials, as well as supplemental curriculum items and audio/video tapes, are available for tutors.

Shelbina Carnegie Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, Jobs Training Partnership, local literacy council, and FUTURES. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class

materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials, LVA materials, ABE-supplied items, supplemental curriculum items, and computers/software for tutors. The literacy materials owned by the library are housed at the Shelby County Learning Center, located one block from the library. *Pilot site for State Library family literacy project in 1995.*

Sikeston Public Library
Works with ABE, Head Start, Parents As Teachers, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials, audio/video tapes, and computers/software for tutors. *Site for State Library family literacy project in 1996.*

Slater Public Library
Works with the Reach Project. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection.

Springfield-Greene County Library
Works with local literacy council and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, computers/software, referrals to local programs, and more than 250 items in a New Reader Collection. Offers Laubach materials, LVA materials, supplemental curriculum items, and computers/software for tutors.

Texas County Library, Houston
Works with Head Start and workplace programs. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, audio/video tapes, and referrals to local programs.

Trails Regional Library, Warrensburg
Works with ABE, Caring Communities, local literacy council, and volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, low-level popular reading, and referrals to local programs. Offers Laubach materials, supplemental curriculum items, and computers/software for tutors. The Johnson County Adult Literacy Program (JCALP) is housed and sponsored by Trails, but is a separate corporation. *Pilot site for State Library Tutor Enrichment Training project.*

University City Public Library
Has a literacy collection. Provides space for tutors. Offers free library cards to non-resident tutors.

Valley Park Community Library
Works with Parents as Teachers. Offers audio/ video tapes, referrals to local programs, and a 50-100-item New Reader Collection. Offers audio/video tapes for tutors.

Washington County Library, Potosi
Works with volunteer literacy groups. Offers space for tutoring, supplementary class materials, audio/video tapes, and a 100-250-item New Reader Collection. *Pilot site for State Library family literacy project in 1995.*

Webster Groves Public Library
Works with Parents As Teachers. Offers supplementary class materials, low-level popular reading, and a 100-250-item New Readers Collection. LVA materials and supplemental curriculum items are available for tutors.

State Library Efforts

Family Literacy

The State Library began a family literacy pilot project during the spring of 1995. Four libraries from geographically diverse areas participated in this endeavor. The project was funded through an LSCA grant.

"Family Nights at the Library" was expanded in 1996 to include five additional libraries, all in the southeast Missouri area. The format has remained largely the same, and the programs were again quite successful.

Three "Family Nights" are scheduled for each participating library. The programs bring families to the library for an evening revolving around a parenting or adult education issue. Topics range from storytelling to positive discipline. Each location selects topics relevant to community interests and needs. Libraries work in conjunction with local literacy service providers for topic selection and program planning.

"Family Nights" provide an opportunity for parents to listen to guest speakers and have discussions about issues that are facing families today. While the parents are engaged in their portion of the program, the children are involved in age-appropriate activities, related to the same topic. The families are then brought back together for story time. A copy of the book presented at story time is given to each child, in appreciation for his/her attendance.

It is hoped "Family Nights," and the books and ideas shared there, will spark positive discussion about important issues within families. The program is also intended to expand the joy of reading to and with children.

Tutor Enrichment Training

In July 1996, the State Library provided funding (via an LSCA grant) for five libraries to host three tutor enrichment training seminars. Each library selected topics which would benefit local tutors, program administrators, and literacy council members. Each two-hour seminar drew on the strengths of Missouri literacy providers.

This program is the beginning of what the State Library hopes to develop into a Literacy Speakers Bureau, wherein Missouri libraries will have a resource for program planning revolving around literacy topics and program suggestions.

Relating Literacy to Workforce Development

The state librarian and staff are members of a statewide coalition investigating the current provision of adult education services and how that relates to the needs of Missouri's employers. LIFT-Missouri has gathered members from the departments of economic development, labor and industrial relations, elementary and secondary education, social services, corrections, health and mental health, as well as several elected officials and private industry representatives to pursue this issue.

Representation of libraries and their role in promoting lifelong learning is an important part in addressing workforce literacy.

Collaboration

The State Library is an active member in statewide collaborative efforts to provide literacy information to Missouri citizens. Co-sponsorship of two statewide family literacy conferences, five regional literacy conferences, the Missouri Literacy Association annual conference, and guest speaking engagements are just a few of the projects in which the State Library has taken an active role. The collaborative partners for these events include LIFT-Missouri, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Missouri Literacy Association, Department of Social Services, and the Missouri Humanities Council.

The National Literacy Act of 1991 defines literacy as "an individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English, and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals, and develop one's knowledge and potential." (Madeline Matson photo)

National Center for Family Literacy Certified Trainer Program

The literacy consultant on staff at the State Library has been selected by LIFT-Missouri to be one of two persons in the state to receive training and certification from the National Center for Family Literacy. Training in family literacy programming and management will be available for Missourians by calling LIFT-Missouri at 800-729-4443.

Reference Collection

The Missouri State Library houses a basic reference collection for libraries, literacy service providers, and other interested groups. The collection is primarily made up of materials which answer questions regarding program development, organization, and maintenance. Libraries may request a bibliography of the holdings by calling 800-325-0131.

Publications

The State Library publishes a regular column in *Missouri Library World* on literacy activities and events in Missouri and nationally. Several brochures concerning library roles in literacy programming are also available.

Missouri Literacy Organizations

Not-for-Profits — Statewide

Literacy Investment for Tomorrow (LIFT)-Missouri
300 S. Broadway
St. Louis, MO 63102
800-729-4443
http://archon.educ.kent.edu/~missouri/

Missouri Literacy Association
320 Market Street
Fulton, MO 65251
573-642-2458

State Agencies and Programs

Adult Basic Education — *Central office coordinating adult literacy education for the state.*
Elvin Long, Director
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
402 Dix Road
Jefferson City, MO 65109
537-751-1249

Caring Communities — *a systems integration initiative of five state agencies whereby local school districts join with a community organization to design a system of delivery for education and human services that is school-based or school-linked.*
Kathy Martin, Chief Operating Officer
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480
573-751-2586

Employment Security — *responsible for the administration of Job Service and State Unemployment Insurance Programs.*
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
421 East Dunklin St.
P.O. Box 59
Jefferson City, MO 65101
573-751-3768
http://works.state.mo.us/

Even Start — *a unified family-centered education program.*
Karen Hinton, State Coordinator
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
205 Jefferson St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101
573-751-8310

State Agencies and Programs (continued)

Futures — *works with recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to ensure that the participants become self-sufficient.*
Becky Kneist
Division of Family Services
Department of Social Services
221 West High St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101
573-526-3899

Head Start — *a national program providing comprehensive developmental services for low-income, pre-school children ages three to five and social services for their families.*
Linda Carson, AFC Administrator for Region VII
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region VII Office
601 E. 12th Street, Room 210
Kansas City, MO 64106
816-426-3981

Jobs Training Partnership — *15 service delivery areas which administer local programs locally.*
Job Development and Training
Department of Economic Development
P.O. Box 1087
2023 St. Mary's Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1087
573-751-4750

Parents As Teachers — *a statewide program for pre-school children and their parents emphasizing the idea that parents are the child's first teacher.*
Contact your local school district office.

Practical Parenting Partnerships — *K-12 family resource/parent education offered through schools.*
Darlene Robinett, Director
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480
Phone 573-526-2790

National Literacy Organizations

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy
1002 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20007
202-338-2006

Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy
College of Education, Pennsylvania State University
204 Calder Way, Suite 209
University Park, PA 16801-4756
814-865-2526
http://www.psu.edu/institutes/isal/

Laubach Literacy International
P.O. Box 131
Syracuse, NY 13210
315-422-9121
http://www.laubach.org/

Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA)
5795 Widewaters Parkway
Syracuse, NY 13214
315-445-8000
http://archon.educ.kent.edu:80/LVA/

National Adult Literacy and Learning Disabilities Center
Academy for Educational Development
1875 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20009-1202
202-884-8000
http://info@nalldc.aed.org

National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL)
325 West Main St., Suite 200
Louisville, KY 40202-4251
502-584-1133

National Clearinghouse for ESL Literacy Education (NCLE)
(A program of the National Institute for Literacy)
202-429-9292 ext. 200
http://www.cal.org/NCLE

National Institute for Literacy
Washington DC 20007
http://novel.nifl.gov/

U.S. Department of Education
Washington, DC 20202
http://www.ed.gov/

Missouri Public Libraries Offering Literacy Services*

Adair County Public Library, Kirksville
Barry-Lawrence Regional Library, Monett
Bernie Public Library
Bethany Public Library
Bonne Terre Memorial Library
Boonslick Regional Library, Sedalia
Camden County Library District, Camdenton
Cameron Public Library
Canton Public Library
Cape Girardeau Public Library
Carrollton Public Library
Carter County Library District, Van Buren
Carthage Public Library
Christian County Library, Ozark
Clarence Public Library
Crystal City Public Library
Dallas County Library, Buffalo
Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia
Daviess County Library, Gallatin
De Soto Public Library
Dexter Public Library
Doniphan/Ripley County Library
Dulany Memorial Library, Salisbury
Dunklin County Library, Kennett
Farmington Public Library
Ferguson Municipal Public Library
Festus Public Library
Gentry County Library, Stanberry
Grundy County-Jewett Norris Library, Trenton
Hannibal Free Public Library
Harold Bell Wright Public Library, Pierce City
Heartland Regional Library System, Vienna
Holden Public Library
Jackson Public Library
James Memorial Library, St. James
Joplin Public Library
Kansas City Public Library
Kimberling Area Library
Kinderhook Regional Library, Lebanon
Lewis Library of Glasgow
Little Dixie Regional Library, Moberly
Livingston County Library, Chillicothe
Macon Public Library
Marshall Public Library
Maryville Public Library
McDonald County Public Library, Pineville
Mercer County Library, Princeton
Mexico-Audrain County Library
Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence
Missouri River Regional Library, Jefferson City
Montgomery City Public Library
Morgan County Library, Versailles
Nevada Public Library
Northeast Missouri Library Service, Kahoka
Oregon County Library District, Alton
Ozark Regional Library, Ironton
Pack Memorial Library, Mountain View
River Bluffs Regional Library, St. Joseph
Rolla Public Library
St. Charles City-County Library District
St. Clair County Library, Osceola
St. Louis County Library
St. Louis Public Library
Salem Public Library
Scenic Regional Library, Union
Scotland County Memorial Library, Memphis
Sedalia Public Library
Shelbina Carnegie Public Library
Sikeston Public Library
Slater Public Library
Springfield-Greene County Library
Texas County Library, Houston
Trails Regional Library, Warrensburg
University City Public Library
Valley Park Community Library
Washington County Library, Potosi
Webster Groves Public Library

**This listing is limited to those libraries responding to the 1996 survey.*